

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 7 and 8 in accordance with the following:

1. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus comprising:
a storage unit; and
a processing part configured to detect a password input error and to register information identifying the information processing apparatus by making a transmission to a first database of a registration center when the password input error is detected, and to store transmission log information related to the transmission to the registration center into said storage unit.
2. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said processing part includes means for transmitting to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in said storage unit, and for making a system lock with respect to the information processing apparatus if the information identifying the information processing apparatus is registered in the first database or the second database.
3. (Original) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said processing part includes means for outputting a warning if the information related to the information processing apparatus is registered in the second database.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus comprising:
a first database configured to register information identifying a first apparatus when notified of a password input error at the first apparatus, in response to a transmission from the first apparatus;
a second database configured to register the information identifying the first apparatus when the information identifying the first apparatus is requested by a second apparatus and the information identifying the first apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second apparatus; and
a processing part configured to control registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

7. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said processing part includes means for deleting the information related to the first apparatus from said first database ~~and/or said second database~~ when a request to delete the information related to the first apparatus is received with respect to said first database ~~and/or said second database~~ and/or for deleting the information related to the first apparatus from the second database when a request to delete the information related to the first apparatus is received with respect to said second database, in response to the transmission from the second apparatus.

8. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus control method comprising:
detecting a password input error at the information processing apparatus; ~~and~~
registering information identifying the information processing apparatus by making a transmission to a first database of a registration center when the password input error is detected; and
storing transmission log information related to the transmission to the registration center within the information processing apparatus.

9. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:
transmitting to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in the information processing apparatus; and
making a system lock with respect to the information processing apparatus if the information identifying the information processing apparatus is registered in the first database or

the second database.

10. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising:

outputting a warning if the information identifying the information processing apparatus is registered in the second database.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus control method comprising:

registering information identifying a first apparatus in a first database when notified of a password input error at the first apparatus, in response to a transmission from the first apparatus;

registering the information identifying the first apparatus in a second database when the information identifying the first apparatus is requested by a second apparatus and the information identifying the first apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second apparatus; and

controlling registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

14. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

deleting the information identifying the first apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information identifying the first apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second apparatus.

15. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in claim 8, which is applied to a control program or an operating system of the information processing apparatus.

16. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to control access to a registration center, said access control program comprising:

- causing the computer to detect a password input error;
- causing the computer to register information identifying the computer by making a transmission to a first database of the registration center when the password input error is detected; and
- causing the computer to store in a storage unit transmission log information related to the transmission to the registration center.

17. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16, said access control program further comprising:

- causing the computer to make a transmission to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in said storage unit; and
- causing the computer to make a system lock with respect to the computer if the information identifying the computer is registered in the first database or the second database.

18. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 17, said access control program further comprising:

- causing the computer to output a warning if the information identifying the computer is registered in the second database.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to control access to a registration center, said access control program comprising:

- causing the computer to register information identifying a first apparatus in a first database when notified of a password input error at the first apparatus, in response to a transmission from the first apparatus;
- causing the computer to register the information identifying the first apparatus in a second database when the information identifying the first apparatus is requested by a second

apparatus and the information identifying the first apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second apparatus; and

causing the computer to control registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

22. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 21, said access control program further comprising:

causing the computer to delete the information identifying the first apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information identifying the first apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second apparatus.

23. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16, wherein said program forms a portion of a control program or an operating system of the computer.

24-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 21, wherein said access control program forms a portion of a control program or an operating system of the computer.

31. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information identifying the information processing apparatus includes model information.

32. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the information identifying the first apparatus includes model information.

33. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus control method according to claim 8, wherein the information identifying the information processing apparatus includes model information.

34. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus control method according to claim 13, wherein the information identifying the first apparatus includes model information.